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I have the honour to refer to my letter of 5 March 2009 (S/2009/128), in which I recommended that the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office in the Central African Republic (BONUCA) be succeeded, initially until 31 December 2009, by a United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office (BINUCA), with a revised mandate and structure. In that regard, I indicated that temporary arrangements would be put in place to make the integrated office operational as soon as possible. In a statement by the President of the Security Council dated 7 April 2009 (S/PRST/2009/5), the Security Council welcomed my recommendation and requested me to ensure that a smooth transition to the new integrated office take place as soon as possible, including through the early deployment of the new Special Representative and Deputy Special Representative.

In pursuance of the above-mentioned, I wish to inform you of my intention to appoint Sahle-Work Zewde (Ethiopia) as my new Special Representative in the Central African Republic and head of BONUCA, which is to be succeeded by BINUCA.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon

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